

What is Tree Power?

Tree Power is a public benefit program that offers residential electric customers a rebate for planting selected shade trees around their home.

What are the benefits?

Deciduous trees provide additional shading to help keep a home cooler in the summer while allowing the sun's warming rays through to help heat the home in the winter. Trees also help clean the air, reduce noise and soil erosion.

What is the rebate amount?

Riverside Public Utilities will issue a rebate for the purchase of up to five qualifying shade trees per calendar year. Maximum rebate amount per tree is \$25; however, the rebate cannot exceed the purchase price of the tree.

Program guidelines:

- This program is available to RPU residential electric customers. If applicant is a tenant or renter, the property owner must sign the application.
- Qualifying trees must be purchased from a city of Riverside merchant and planted at customer's service address before applying for a rebate.
- Trees must be planted at customer's service address on the customer's own property. Customers may not plant trees on areas considered city property. Trees must be planted within 10 to 35 feet from the building foundation.
- Once tree(s) are planted, mail your application along with copies of legible, dated sales receipt as proof of purchase to Riverside Public Utilities.
- Planted trees are subject to inspection for program compliance. Customer's failure to permit such inspections shall obligate the customer to repay the amount of the incentive. The incentive amount shall be billed on the customer's regular utility billing from the City.
- Customer must sign liability agreement and agree to the long-term care of the tree.
- Application must be submitted within **ninety (90) days** of receipt purchase date in order to qualify for rebate.
- *Program is subject to change without prior notification. Rebates are given on a first come, first serve basis subject to fund availability.*

Choose your tree carefully:

When choosing a tree to plant, you want to make sure it is one that will thrive in your community. Some trees that thrive in the city of Riverside include: Maidenhair (Ginkgo), Goldenrain, Jacaranda Silk, Chinese Pistache, Redbud (Eastern or Oklahoma), London Plane (Sycamore), Pink Trumpet, and Southern Magnolia.

Plant it in the right place:

- Make sure trees have plenty of room to grow. Avoid conflicts with solar panels, satellite dishes, and roof structures.
- **Do not** plant trees underneath power lines, near water lines, sewer lines, sidewalks, walkways, driveways, and/or foundations.
- Plant your trees in natural soil. Poor soil may need conditioners so your tree will continue to thrive and help avoid root problems.



Before planting, contact the  
Underground Service Alert of  
Southern California/DigAlert at  
**1-800-227-2600**  
or by dialing **811**

T R E E   P O W E R   R E B A T E   A P P L I C A T I O N

Name on Utility Account		Customer Account Number
Service Address	Zip	Telephone Number
Mailing Address (if different)	Zip	Purchase Date

*Please complete the following information. If more space is needed, please list items on a separate piece of paper. Failure to provide required information or receipt copies may result in processing delays.*

I, the undersigned, agree that any and all trees which I obtain through the Tree Power Rebate Program are my trees and not the City of Riverside's trees. I understand that I will care for the trees and be fully liable for any damage to person or property which may be caused by the planting, maintenance and presence of the trees, or is in any way related to my receipt of the trees under the Tree Power Rebate Program. I further agree to indemnify and hold harmless the City of Riverside, its officers, employees and agents from any damages related to the trees I receive under the Tree Power Rebate Program.

<b>Merchant(s) Purchased from</b>	<b>Trees Species Selected</b>	
1. _____	1. _____	
2. _____	2. _____	
3. _____	3. _____	
4. _____	4. _____	
5. _____	5. _____	
Date Purchased _____	Date Purchased _____	
		Applicants Signature _____ Date _____ *If Tenant/Renter, property owner must sign application
<b>FOR RPU INSPECTOR</b>		
Date Inspected _____ By _____		
Notes _____		

<b>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY</b>					
JL Key	6020109080	Object	45603800	Rebate Amount	
Certification of Delivery		Approved for Payment		Approved for Payment	
Signature	Date	Department Head	Date	Finance Department	Date